



CALL for RECRUITMENT of a RESEARCHER ON FOREST ECONOMICS AT L'ÉCOLE NATIONALE FORESTIÈRE D'INGENIEURS, SALE, MOROCCO

L'École Nationale Forestière d'Ingenieurs (ENFI) is an education and research institution based in the city of Salé, Morocco. It was established on the late sixties and it is under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

AGORA Project – Advancing Forest Research Capacities

ENFI is participating in the AGORA project, funded by the European Commission, that will last from 2010 to 2012.

The aim of AGORA is to improve existing and to create new forest Research, Technology and Development (RTD) capacities in key forest scientific areas in Morocco and Tunisia. The new scientific capacities will support policymaking and forest management in the face of rapidly changing climatic and land-use conditions in the Mediterranean area. The improvement of the capacities will be achieved through grants, workshops, new equipment and the development of a new research strategy for North Africa.

Tasks and responsibilities

The successful candidate will undertake the following tasks:

- join a multi-disciplinary team to conduct research on:
 - Economic valuation of forest goods and services
 - Advanced marketing techniques related to forest products and services
 - Payments for environmental services
- conduct applied research in the country on the aspects mentioned above
- participate in teaching and other scientific communication activities

The recruited researcher will develop activities related to:

- financial and economic valuation of forest investments, with special focus on Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) and the valuation of Mediterranean non-market forest goods and services.
- application of advanced techniques and software for market analysis and marketing of socially and environmentally responsible products and services associated with the Mediterranean forests environment.
- application of mechanisms for payments for environmental services, such as water provision, biodiversity protection, landscape management, fire prevention and carbon sequestration.

Requirements

- Background: a PhD in forest economics, or natural resources/environmental economics, or land use/agricultural economics. Basic knowledge in Statistics and documented scientific publications in international and national peer-review journals are required.
- Languages: French and English proficiency at B2 level (or equivalent TOEFL or IELTS)
- Experience: involvement in research activities, preferably at international level (no minimum time required)
- Personal skills: ability to work in an international environment and team work, proactive behavior, availability to travel punctually, commitment to accomplish the length of the contract, IT abilities
- There are no nationality restrictions, but a priority will be assigned to candidates with Moroccan nationality

Duty station

The selected person will be based at ENFI, Salé, Morocco.

Employment conditions

The successful candidate is expected to start working by June 2010.

The initial duration of the contract will be 2 years. However, there might be a possibility that the selected candidate will continue working at the institution after this period.

The annual salary is 21735 € including social charges. The recruited person is expected to work at least 40 hours per week in the Institution.

Application

Please send by email, preferably all in one pdf file, your application and CV with a motivation letter and two letters of recommendation (by your current employer/by your past supervisor) by midnight of 20th April 2010 to:

Prof. Abdellatif Khattabi, email: ab_khattabi@yahoo.com ; a_khattabi@email.com

Selected candidates will be contacted by 15 May, 2010

NOTE: The information provided will be treated confidentially.



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